



KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 06-01

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2003, at approximately 6:00 a.m., the small city of Westwood, Kansas experienced its first reported homicide.

WHEREAS, David "Ray" Ninemire, a long tenured store manager of the Westwood Apple Market, 4701 Mission Road, Westwood, Kansas, was finishing up his work shift. A female employee had just reported for work and was preparing to open her checkout lane. She was approached from behind by a male subject wearing a top hat, with a fake beard pulled up high on his face, a black medium length coat and black pants. The subject was described as being about 5'5" and thin build.

WHEREAS, the subject displayed a .9 mm handgun, grabbed the female employee by the arm, and pulled her towards the customer service window.

WHEREAS, upon hearing the female employee scream, Mr. Ninemire ran to the front of the store to her aid where he encountered the armed subject. The subject began shooting towards Mr. Ninemire, who was struck in the upper right thigh area, severing the femoral artery.

WHEREAS, the subject then calmly walked towards the exit doors where a customer was entering the store. The customer dropped to the floor, posing no threat. The subject began firing the weapon at the customer, who was subsequently struck by two bullet fragments, one lodging in an ear and one in an arm.

WHEREAS, the killer was last seen walking east from the store along West 47th Street and then north on Lloyd Street into Kansas City, Kansas.

WHEREAS, Mr. Ninemire's coworkers and responding police officers did what they could to save his life. He bled to death while lying on the floor before medical help could arrive.

WHEREAS, Westwood Assistant Chief of Police Dan Brewster states, "Ray Ninemire was a hero. He came to the aid of a female friend and coworker and was killed in the process. Ray has a loving family and a community that demands that this case be solved. Anything that I could write about this man, the Christian path he lived, the imprint he left on those who knew him would fall short in describing the person he was before 6:00 a.m. on August 15, of 2003."

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NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me by K.S.A. 75-113, I, Kathleen Sebelius, Governor of the State of Kansas, do hereby offer a reward of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals who committed the homicide of David "Ray" Ninemire.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order 06-01, and shall become effective immediately.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

Kathleen Sebelius

DATED

January 14, 2006

Secretary of State

Ron Thornburgh

Assistant Secretary of State

